

Church News.

FROM MIDDLE BRANCH, O.

I had the pleasure of attending Sunday-school in the Brethren church at this place, and found their Sunday school in a flourishing condition. Six classes and all actively engaged in the good work. I acknowledge that I was agreeably surprised. After Sunday-school the audience, or congregation had a feast of good things from John 6: 5. Brother Kimmel preached an excellent sermon and it was well received. In the evening we attended services again. Subject Matt. 10: 32, 33. I am persuaded to believe that the trials which Brother Kimmel passed through had a great influence for good both for pastor and people. The church is putting forth a greater effort to build up, and Brother Kimmel's armor appears to be brighter than ever determined to raise his congregation to a higher plane in divine life. God bless pastor and people is my prayer.

J. T. KOLB.

THE CARLETON CHURCH.

We still live and move forward. Sunday last we received two into the church, one by baptism; both men. Our C. E., and K. C. are both doing more than live. The S. S. and S. S. C. E. are doing a good work. The sisters led prayer meeting last week, sister C. E. Lichty, the president in charge. The sisters have also bought a parsonage, property next door to the church. This is a good work, and they deserve great credit for what they have done. I shall say more of this later on, and also enlarge on some other points. We are doing our work as the spirit leads, and the results justify the methods. Mch. 30: 96.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

KOSCIUSCO CO., IND., UNION MEETING.

In response to an invitation from the Warsaw congregation the first union meeting of the Brethren churches of Kosciusco Co., was held at that place. A threatening storm made the attendance light and several of our ministers could not be present. After opening exercises on Saturday afternoon a report was given of the various churches, Sunday-schools, S. S. C. E.'s, Young People's Societies, etc., were given. There are eleven preaching points in the county, namely, Warsaw, Milford, Claypool, Sidney, Leedy Springs, Gravelton, Syracuse, Union Salem, Burns' Chapel, Mentone and a point near Sidney. These have a united membership of over 850. The outlook is very bright at nearly all these places. Mission work was discussed and calls for evangelistic work

came from a number of places where there are openings to ripe harvests, but the laborers are few.

In the evening Sunday-school work and Young People's work were discussed and the session closed with a question box. The Lord's day was begun by a rousing sunrise prayer-meeting which was well attended. After a splendid S. S. session Brother Fox preached a most inspiring sermon on Personal Responsibility. The Junior K. C. of C. E., and the brotherhood of Andrew and Philip meetings were prevented by the sad funeral of one of the Juniors, but the Senior meeting was a good one and the day closed with a sermon on John 3: 16, by the writer. The next meeting will be held at Sidney the last Sunday in June if nothing prevents and we hope all the congregations will plan to attend *en masse*. These meetings will be of great profit if well attended. There is a great field in Kosciusco county but it needs workers. The program for next meeting will appear in time in the EVANGELIST.

C. F. YODER.

FROM ENON, IOWA.

Our work here moves along slowly but surely. The Sunday-school seems to be growing in interest. We have had S. S. all winter, the first time for some years. This, while depending on the mild winter, yet seems to be due to the fact that the people have begun to realize the importance of the S. S. in training of their children for Christ. The K. C., is flourishing. Attendance good, attention and interest all that could be expected and spiritual life among the members growing. The attendance at the Sunday evening service continues to increase.

Waterloo is at present without preaching service. However, a lively prayer-meeting has been held there all the year, and keeps the members growing. Waterloo is crying with urgent plea, for a Brethren church. That cry shall in God's grace be answered. Our membership is growing to feel this need and to hear that cry. May God direct our thoughts. Our S. S. J. E., is at work. Has over \$400 to apply on a lot for a church in Waterloo. We expect to have some preaching in Waterloo this summer. Brethren, pray for us.

The present pastor has been retained for another year. This is as it should be. No man can make his work appear in one year. No church can get into working relation with a pastor in one year. Our flourishing churches are those who keep their pastors. Faithfully,

J. L. GILLIN.

REPORT OF THE ELKHART CO., UNION MEETING.

Held at Dunlaps, Ind., March 28, 29, 1896.

The devotional services began at 10 A. M., with brother Cyrus Miller, leader. Singing, reading Romans 12, song and prayer by Rev. I. N. Miller. At 10:30 Rev. Menaugh presented the object of the union service. The report of the previous meeting was read. The subject, "How can I live so as to strengthen weaker members?" was profitably discussed. The paper prepared by brother Daniel Culp, "Am I benefited by reading the B. E. and K. C. papers?" was read by Sister Himebaugh. The thought brought forth, that our own church papers teach that which we as a church believe and practice, as Jesus gave command.

When shall the Bible be read in the home? No paper being prepared, the subject was spoken on by several. When we read the Word, we should feel that God is talking directly to us.

Song.

Rev. Bemenderfer presented the thought Do I know God? Also, To know that I am a child of God, means obey. After singing and repeating "Our Father," the congregation was dismissed until 1:20 P. M.

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Brother Daniel Riggle conducted the devotional service, song service, reading Psalm 92, 1-11, song and prayer by Rev. Menaugh, sermon by Rev. I. N. Miller, from Rev. 3: 21.

Number churches reported, 5, additions 22. Sabbath-schools 5, evergreen, 4. K. C. 5. S. S. C. E. 3. Sisters Aid 2.

If we would have the union service a success, or any other, we must make an effort to be present.

Collection received, \$1.51.

Next service to be held at Gravelton, song and benediction, adjourn to meet at 7:00 P. M., for communion service, at which there were a goodly number present.

SUNDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Sabbath-school was largely attended, with brother Cyrus Miller, Supt., after which Rev. Menaugh preached from Joshua 1: 9.

6:30 P. M.

The K. C. service was conducted by Brother Fryberger, with sister Himebaugh as leader, followed by a sermon from Rev. Bemenderfer. Thus ends another union service. May it have only been to the glory of God.

IDA SIMMONDS, Sec'y.